

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Mark A. Geiger		
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2010 for the above-referenced application. The following Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action, thus placing the application in condition for allowance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Applicant hereby requests continued examination and requests that the referenced application be amended as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.